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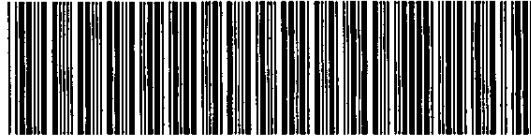
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**NAME OF CORPORATION:** Ingathering Worship Center, Inc.

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The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

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(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

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Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this **Florida Not For Profit Corporation** adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

**A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:**

n/a

*The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.*

**B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:**

n/a

(Principal office address **MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS**)

**C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:**

n/a

(Mailing address **MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX**)

**D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:**

Name of New Registered Agent: n/a

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

n/a

(City)

Florida

(Zip Code)

**New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:**

*I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing



**E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:**  
*(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)*

See attachment:

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The date of each amendment(s) adoption: 3/5/2016, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date if applicable: 3/5/2016  
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

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**Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)**

- ☐ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- ☒ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated 3-14-16

Signature Deborah L. Meeks  
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Deborah L. Meeks

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

VP, T, D

(Title of person signing)

**INGATHERING WORSHIP CENTER, INC.**

**ADMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**Need to change number 2 on Articles of Faith:**

2. We believe that the Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and perfect man, who actually Godhead and the manhood were joined suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, **to reconcile the Father to us**, and to make atonement, not only for our actual guilt, but also for original sin.

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**ORIGINAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI-CHURCH GOVERNMENT**

Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. seeks to operate itself as a New Testament church, both in worship and in church government. We recognize the scriptural form of church Eldership hereafter refers to both the Senior Pastors and the elders).

The Elders, chaired and led by the Senior Pastors shall manage the affairs of Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. The policies, directions and activities of Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. shall be controlled by the Senior Pastors and Elders. The directors of the Corporation shall be the Senior Pastors and the Elders.

The power of appointment and dismissal rests with the Senior Pastors with the reference to the Elders. Appointment of paid staff and their pay is subject to confirmation of the majority of the Eldership.

In line with New Testament church government, the official voting constituency shall be the Eldership chaired by the Senior Pastors. Each Elder shall have a vote in relevant business affairs of the church; the Senior Pastor having a second or casting vote in the event of a deadlock of the Eldership. All business shall be carried by a simple majority vote of the Eldership. Any major project may be brought to the membership to vote.

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### **ORIGINAL ARTICLE VIII-AMENDMENTS**

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### **ORIGINAL ARTICLE X**

6. Submit to the authority of the Eldership, according to the word of God.
7. Agree that their official membership status may be removed by the Eldership at one of their regular meetings if they cease to be in harmony with these requirements; **absent from the regular services of the church for two consecutive months unless ill or prior notification to the board;** or sow discord or exhibit behavior detrimental to the life of the local church.

### **CHANGE TO READ LIKE THIS**

6. Submit to the authority of the Church, according to the word of God.
7. Agree that their official membership status may be removed by the Senior Pastors at a called meeting if they cease to be in harmony with these requirements; **absent from the regular services of the church for two consecutive months unless ill or prior notification to the board**; or sow discord or exhibit behavior detrimental to the life of the local church.

### **ORIGINAL SECTION TWO-OFFICERS**

1. The Senior Pastors
  - a. The Senior Pastors shall have the spiritual oversight and supervision of the church and all its departments, and conduct all of its services. He shall be President of the Corporation and shall act as Chairman of all business meetings. Initiative in calling all business meetings rests with the Senior Pastors. The Senior Pastors are an ex-officio member of all committees.
  - b. The Senior Pastors with the reference to the Elders shall have the power to appoint, dismiss, and fill vacancies on the Eldership (also known as the Presbytery). The Senior Pastors shall take the initiative to appoint deacons, deaconesses, co-pastors, and other officers or employees as the need arises. All new candidates shall complete training set forth by the Senior Pastors.
  - c. In the event of the death or resignation of the Senior Pastors, power is invested in the existing Eldership to seek for and appoint a new Senior Pastor. They may invite the outgoing pastor for his assistance in seeking replacement. Should the Elders choose not to ask the outgoing Senior Pastor for his assistance, then the Elders shall appoint by secret ballot a chairman from their group to lead in the appointment of a new Senior Pastor.
  - d. A Senior Pastor shall be appointed by a unanimous vote of the Eldership upon having received a non-binding vote of the active membership in a special meeting called for that purpose. The date of the special meeting shall be announced in services at least two Sunday's prior to the actual meeting. The Eldership shall not appoint a Senior Pastor receiving less than a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.

### **CHANGE TO READ LIKE THIS**

### **SECTION 2-OFFICERS**

- a. The Senior Pastors shall have the spiritual oversight and supervision of the church and all its departments, and conduct all of its services. The Senior Pastors are an ex-officio member of all committees.
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- c. In the event of the death or resignation of the Senior Pastors, power is invested in the existing Board of Directors to seek for and appoint a new Senior Pastor. They may invite the outgoing pastor for his assistance in seeking a replacement.
- d. A Senior Pastor shall be appointed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

### **ORIGINAL SECTION 3 THE ELDERS**

- 1. Shall consist of not less than 3 members besides the Senior Pastors.
- 2. Their duties:
  - a. Shall sit in a governing capacity with the Senior Pastors for church business and government. After completing their training by the Senior Pastors.
  - b. Shall meet the qualifications set down in I Tim 3 and Titus.
  - c. All Eldership appointments and dismissals shall be by the Senior Pastors with the reference to the existing Eldership.
  - d. Elders shall be chosen from the church's official membership list.
- 3. Dismissal of an Elder.
  - a. In the event that an Elder's ministry should be deemed ineffective, or shall he/she fall into error, the Senior Pastors shall have the authority to confront the Elder firstly with a view of correction and restoration.
  - b. If the Elder refuses to be corrected and restored, the Senior Pastors may demand the Elders resignation.

### **CHANGE TO READ LIKE THIS**

#### **Section 3 – THE DIRECTORS**

- 1. Shall consist of not less than 3 members besides the President.
- 2. Their duties:
  - a. Shall sit in a governing capacity with the President for church business and government.
  - b. Shall meet the qualifications set down in I Tim 3 and Titus.

- c. All Directors appointments and dismissals shall be by the President with the reference to the existing Directors.
- 3. Dismissal of Directors.
  - a. In the event that a Director should be deemed ineffective, or shall he/she fall into error, the President shall have the authority to confront the Director firstly with a view of correction and restoration.
  - b. If the Director refuses to be corrected and restored, the President may remove the Director.

#### **ORIGINAL Section 4 – ELDERSHIP MEETINGS**

1. Leadership meetings shall be held as often as deemed necessary for the smooth running of the church, and no less than once every two months of a calendar year.
2. Initiative shall lie with the Senior Pastors in calling Eldership meetings and not less than majority of the Eldership presence.
3. The Senior Pastors shall preside at all Eldership meetings and be the Chairman of the Board and President of the Corporation.
4. The Eldership are the official voting body of the church. The Senior Pastor and each Elder shall have one vote, with the Senior Pastor having a second casting vote in case of a deadlock.
5. All business of the church shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the Elders with the exception of amendments.
6. In the event of the absence of the Senior Pastors for any church services. Initiative shall lie with him to appoint one of the Elders to be in charge until he returns.
7. In the event of an emergency two Senior Elders can call a meeting.

#### **CHANGE TO READ LIKE THIS**

#### **Section 4 – DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS**

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2. Initiative shall lie with the President in calling Director meetings and with not less than a majority of the Directors presence.
3. The President shall preside at all Director's meetings and be the Chairman of the Board.
4. The President and each Director shall have one vote, with the President having a second casting vote in case of a deadlock.
5. All business of the church shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors with the exception of amendments.
6. In the event of the absence of the Senior Pastors for any church services. Initiative shall lie with him to appoint someone in leadership to be in charge until he returns.

7. In the event of an emergency two Directors can call a meeting.

## **ORIGINAL Section 5 – The Secretary – Treasurer**

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1. The Senior Pastors, with agreement of the majority of the Eldership shall appoint from the official membership list a Secretary-Treasurer.
2. Duties of the Secretary – Treasurer are as follows:
  - a. Keep minutes of all business meetings.
  - b. Be custodian of all legal documents.
  - c. Be entrusted with all finances and deposit all finances in a responsible bank designated by the Eldership; disburse the same by check as authorized by the Senior Pastors and the Elders.
  - d. Keep financial records consistent with good business practices.
  - e. Keep a record of the official membership list of the church.
  - f. Perform any other clerical duties necessary to the proper discharge of this office.

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  - f. Perform any other clerical duties necessary to the proper discharge of this office.

## **ORIGINAL SECTION 7- CONGREGATIONAL VOTE**

### **Section 7 – CONGREGATIONAL VOTE**

A binding congregational vote shall apply in only two instances as follows:


1. Dismissal of the Senior Pastor.
  - a. In the event that the Senior Pastor's ministry should be deemed ineffective, or should he fall into error, the Eldership shall have the authority to confront him firstly with a view of correction and restoration.
  - b. If the Senior Pastor refuses to be corrected and restored, the Eldership may ask for his resignation by a unanimous vote (the Senior Pastor will not have a vote in this instance) at a meeting called for that specific purpose.
  - c. Upon a unanimous vote if the Senior Pastor feels that he has cause to appeal the Elderships decision, he may do so by requesting a congregational vote. Those qualified to vote must be on the official active membership list. Notice of the meeting must be given two weeks in advance, stating the purpose, time and date, and be announced at least two Sunday in both services. A quorum of two-third with a majority vote shall be considered final without any further appeal. The Senior Pastors shall not vote or be counted in the quorum in this instance.
2. Sale or Purchase of Real Estate
  - a. Any sale or purchase of real estate must first receive a majority vote of the Eldership.
  - b. Upon a majority vote of the Eldership, the sale or purchase of the proposed real estate must be presented to the congregation for a two-thirds majority vote. Those eligible to vote must be on the official active membership list. A quorum of two-third with a two-third majority vote shall be considered official.
  - c. When a major project is desired it will be presented before the congregation for a majority vote. Those eligible to vote must be on the official active membership list. A quorum of two-third with a majority vote shall be considered official.

## **SECTION 7 CONGREGATIONAL VOTE**


**SHOULD BE DELETED COMPLETELY**


**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
REVISED MARCH 5, 2016**

The names and street addresses of the persons signing these articles of incorporation are:

 1836 Hwy 179A Westville, FL 32464  
Charles Philip Meeks President, Chairman, D.,

 1836 Hwy 179A Westville, FL 32464  
Deborah Lynn Meeks Vice President, Treasure, D.,

 1784 Rooster Lane Westville, FL 32464  
Chasity Meeks-Foster Director

 16284 NE 154<sup>th</sup> Street Ft McCoy, FL 32134  
George Daniel Summerall SR. Director

This is a copy of the  
New Articles of Incorporation  
after they were amended.

Thanks

Deborah Neuk

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF INGATHERING WORSHIP CENTER, INC.**

## **ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation shall be Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. with its principal place of business and main office is in Jackson County located at 2990 Heritage Road, Marianna, Jackson County, Florida 32448.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSES**

The purposes for which Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. is organized are:

1. To establish and maintain a place of worship; to evangelize and minister the gospel at home and abroad.
2. To establish and maintain such departments, institutions and services for the propagation of the gospel as needed, and to raise funds and dispose of funds to fulfill our stated purposes.
3. To establish a committed fellowship of New Testament Christians, to be self-supporting, self-governing with full freedom of deliberation, decision and deportment under God without restriction or domination from any outside individual, organization, or institution.
4. While maintaining our inherent rights of sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs, this church shall seek voluntary fellowship with all churches of like faith.
5. To ordain and license ministers to further the gospel to the nations.

## **ARTICLE III – ASSOCIATION**

Believing in the sovereignty of the local church in the conduct of its own affairs...with full freedom of deliberation, decision and deportment under God without restriction, supervision, or domination from any outside individual, organization or institution, this church is to be completely autonomous and self-governing and will not affiliate with any organization which seeks to exercise control over the local church.

## **ARTICLE IV – TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The term for which Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. shall exist shall be perpetual.

## **ARTICLE V – TENETS OF FAITH**

Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. accepts the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This statement of Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing, I Cor. 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired or contented for, but the truth set forth is held essential to a full gospel ministry. No claim is made that it covers all Biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

## **Articles of Faith**

1. We believe there is but one living and true God, everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in the unity of this Godhead, there are three Persons of one substance of eternal being, and equal in holiness, justice, wisdom, power, and dignity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and the manhood were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and perfect man, who actually suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile us back to the Father, and to make atonement, not only for our actual guilt, but also for original sin.

3. We believe that Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfections of man's nature, and ascended into heaven and there sits until He shall return to judge all men at the last day.

4. We believe the Holy Ghost; proceeding from the Father and the Son is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

5. We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, known as the Bible, composed of sixty-six books and divided into two departments, Old and New Testaments. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, the full and complete revelation of the plan and history of redemption.

6. We believe that eternal life with God in heaven is a portion of the reward of the finally righteous; and that everlasting banishment from the presence of the Lord and unending torture in hell are the wages of the persistently wicked (Matthew 25:46; Psalm 9:17; Revelation 21:7, 8).

7. We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the remission of sins that are past, for the regeneration of penitent sinners, and for salvation from sin and from sinning (Romans 3:25; 1 John 3:5-10; Ephesians 2:1-10).

8. We believe, teach and firmly maintain the scriptural doctrine of justification by faith alone (Romans 5:1).

9. We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the complete cleansing of the justified believer from all indwelling sin and from its pollution, subsequent to regeneration (1 John 1:7-9).

10. We believe in sanctification. While sanctification is initiated in regeneration and consummated in glorification, we believe it includes a definite, instantaneous work of grace achieved by faith subsequent to regeneration (Acts 26:18; 1 John 1:9). Sanctification delivers from the power and dominion of sin. It is followed by lifelong growth in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:16; 2 Peter 3:18).

11. We believe that the Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is obtainable by a definite act of appropriating faith on the part of the fully cleansed believer, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Luke 11:13; Acts 1:5; 2:1-4; 8:17; 10:44-46; 19:6).

12. We believe in divine healing as in the atonement (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16, 17; Mark 16:14-18; James 5:14-16; Exodus 15:26).

13. We believe in the imminent, personal, premillennial second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3:10-14; Matthew 24:29-44), and love and wait for His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).

14. We believe it is the responsibility of every believer to dedicate his life to carrying out the work of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8).

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## **ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution, winding up, or other liquidation of the assets of this Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501 © (3) and 170 © (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law. This process shall be carried out by remaining Board of Directors.

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## ARTICLE IX – BYLAWS

The bylaws of Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. shall be adopted, altered and rescinded in the same manner as the Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE X

Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. shall have all the powers authorized by law as the same are now effective or as the law may hereafter be amended.

### BY-LAWS OF INGATHERING WORSHIP CENTER, INC.

#### Section 1. Official Fellowship Role.

We believe every believer in Jesus Christ is automatically a member of the body of Christ universal by virtue of their faith in Jesus Christ. Thereafter, it is the will of God that they seek committed fellowship in a local body of believers.

Those who seek to be officially recognized **and listed on this church's membership roll must:**

1. Complete membership form (attachment # \_\_\_\_).
2. Agree with Ingathering Worship Center, Inc. Statement of Fundamental Truths.
3. Be baptized in water.
4. Support the local church with tithes and offerings.
5. Participate actively and regularly in the membership of this church.
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  - c. Be entrusted with all finances and deposit all finances in a responsible bank designated by the Board of Directors; disburse the same by check as authorized by the President.
  - d. Keep financial records consistent with good business practices.
  - e. Keep a record of the official membership list of the church.
  - f. Perform any other clerical duties necessary to the proper discharge of this office.

Section 6 – PROPERTY

All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred or conveyed in the corporate name of the church, such name being Ingathering Worship Center, Inc.

The names and street addresses of the persons signing these articles of incorporation are:

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